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Group Art Unit: 3724
Examiner: Isaac N. Hamilton
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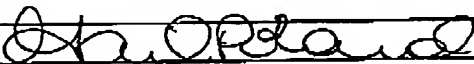
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance provided in the prosecution history of this case are objected to, to the extent that they may give rise to reasoning that is inconsistent with the proper scope of the claims. Furthermore, it is improper for an Examiner to comment on what would not be infringing of the claims and such interpretation is to be left for the courts to decide.

Claim construction requires each claim to be taken as a whole. Patentability of each claim is imparted by each claim as a whole. No portion of any claim is to be construed as more important for patentability than any other portion. It is improper for an Examiner to add limitations to a claim that are not in the claims and especially when the limitations added in the

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reasons for allowance have never been discussed, argued, or mentioned by the Applicant during prosecution of the application.

Applicants assert that each claim is allowed because all statutory requirements have been met and that it is improper for the Examiner to assert what would be infringing of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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